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### TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

#### Marriage License—

Marriage licenses are still being issued at the county clerk's office. The latest was that issued to W. J. Rourke and Clara L. Myher, yesterday.

#### Declarations—

Juhan Werson and Juhan Sivare Heine, both natives of Finland yesterday declared their intention to become American citizens.

#### Final Account—

The administrator of the estate of Herman Olin, deceased, yesterday filed his final account, and the hearing on same was set for March 5th at 2 p. m.

#### Funeral—

The funeral of Will McLellan, the young Canadian who committed suicide a week ago Monday will be held today. Interment will be in Ocean View cemetery.

#### Buried at Ilwaco—

Hilda, the young daughter of Gust Similolo, second assistant keeper of the North Head lighthouse was buried at Ilwaco yesterday at 2 p. m. She died on Monday at 11 a. m., at the age of 3½ years, of whooping cough.

#### A New Addition—

It was rumored on the streets, yesterday, that Astoria is about to acquire a new enterprise that will add greatly to our business interests. It is reported, on what appears to be good authority that the Union Meat Co. will open a branch of their establishment, in this city, in the near future. Come along, you are welcome.

#### Will of George Davidson—

The will of George Davidson was admitted to probate yesterday, in the county court. The will was executed on February 15, 1898, and was witnessed, at the time, by Inez E. Parker and J. A. Eakin. By the terms of the instrument, various pieces of property in different parts of the city are bequeathed to his sons Jas. A. and Fred Davidson and daughters Maggie A. and Catherine Olivia Davidson. After this distribution is made, as specified, any remaining property is to be divided equally among the heirs by the executors. James A. Davidson and Walter Robb are appointed executors without bonds. The court appointed A. Montgomery, Eben P. Parker and George McEwan as appraisers.

#### Work on Hotel Commenced—

Preparations were being made yesterday to commence the work of filling in the basement of the new Weinhard Hotel. The earth that will be used in the filling will be taken from Harrison avenue, which is now being improved, and will be hauled by teams to the site of the hotel, and a runway has been built over the basement so that the wagons can be hauled in on Eleventh street, and out on Duane street, or vice versa, and unloaded into the lot. The depth of the filling has not yet been determined, but Mr. Lewis of the firm of Whidden & Lewis, architects of the building, is expected here daily, when he will issue his orders to the contractors. In the meantime the plans for the superstructure are progressing finely, and when the filling is completed, work will commence on the building and continue to completion. Messrs. Hildebrand & Gerding, the contractors for the filling, will expedite their work and are prepared to commence filling as soon as data is provided.

#### Registration Increasing—

The total registration up to last night was 904 an increase of 42 for the day. The greatest increase was in the Astoria precincts, which amounted to 34, the total increase for outside precincts being 8. The registration for the different precincts is as follows: Astoria No. 1, 135; Astoria No. 2, 94; Astoria No. 3, 80; Astoria No. 4, 101; Astoria No. 5, 123; Astoria No. 6, 72; Astoria No. 7, 84; Clifton No. 2, 25; Chadwell, 8; Clatsop, 16; John Day No. 1, 3; John Day No. 2, 8; Jewell, 2; Knappa, 6; Misshawaka, 2; Melville, 4; New Astoria, 28; Olney, 9; Push, 1; Seaside, 54; Svensen, 13; Vesper, 1; Warrenton, 61; aWilluski, 10; Youngs River, 5; Elsie, 1.

#### Painful Accident—

While endeavoring to unload a heavy casting, J. M. Larsen, in the employ of the Northern Express Co., met with a painful accident yesterday. On the arrival of the noon train, Larsen, with others, was taking a large

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cogwheel from the car, to load on his wagon, when the heavy piece of machinery, weighing about 500 pounds, fell on his foot badly bruising it and breaking one of the bones. He was conveyed to his home where he received medical attention and while the injury is painful no very serious results are anticipated though he will be laid up for some time. It was a fortunate thing for the young man that the wheel did not strike him squarely, else the result would have been different.

#### Informal Reception—

A very pleasant evening was spent on Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tyler, the occasion being the gathering of a number of friends of the host and hostess, who had invited them to an informal reception. Cards, games and light refreshments were enjoyed fully by the jolly party.

#### Returns Home—

Frank Kelly, of Warrenton, who was a victim of an accident, at the Kelly Lumber Company's mill, at Warrenton, last week, has so far recovered as to be able to leave the hospital, and return home. While it will be some time yet before he has completely recovered from his injuries, his anxiety to be at the mills will be relieved, as there is quite an amount of business to be attended to by him.

#### Shops Will Remain—

Owing to an ill-advised statement, from an intangible source, the people of Warrenton have been upset over a rumor that the railroad company intends to remove the shops from that place to Vancouver. There is no likelihood of such action being taken, as the company has never had any intention of ever doing so. A most powerful argument in favor of the shops remaining where they are, is the fact that when the company acquired from the Warrens, the property, which is a triangular piece with 500 feet frontage and extending back 1800 feet, it was expressly stipulated that the shops were never to be removed, under penalty of forfeiture. It is very unlikely that the company would relinquish such a valuable piece of property, and those interested may rest their souls in peace. The shops will not be removed.

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#### PERSONAL MENTION

Charles Ray, of Cloverdale, is in the city on a business trip, in connection with the schooner Della of which he is the owner.

Ed Donnelly, of the Lurline dock leaves today for Chinook in the interests of the Vancouver Transportation Company.

H. H. Tinker, of Long Beach, left for Portland last night on the Lurline.

Otis Gray leaves today for a business trip to Indianapolis. While on the trip he will visit Cincinnati, Chicago and several other cities and will be absent for a few weeks.

Dr. Peacock, of Cathlamet, came down on the Lurline yesterday evening.

Mrs. Estelle Byrd returned yesterday from a two months' trip to California. She visited San Francisco, Sacramento and Southern California, and returns greatly improved in health.

George Taylor, freight and passenger agent of the Wisconsin Central R. R. Co., was in Astoria yesterday on business connected with his company.

Howell Lewis, of John Day, who is a candidate for county commissioner, is in the city.

Otto Carlson is still at Byron Springs enjoying himself and will remain a few weeks yet.

Wallace Stewart, of South Bend, passed through Astoria for Portland where he will spend a few days. He will return to his home by way of Astoria.

John Iverson, of Skamokawa, came to the city last night and will return tonight.

Mrs. C. Ahues and daughter Henrietta, of Seattle, are visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Bussing returned last evening from St. Johns where they have been attending the funeral of Mrs. Bussing's mother.

Mrs. E. W. Tallant went to Portland to spend a few days visiting Mrs. E. P. Kendall.

## VERY INTERESTING MEETING

THE SCHOOL BOARD TRANSACTS CONSIDERABLE BUSINESS—A NEW TEACHER APPOINTED.

The school board held its regular monthly meeting last night, all of the members being present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from Miss Hulsey, a teacher, regarding tardiness and it was referred back to her for further explanation.

A communication was received from County Clerk Clinton, stating that he had received a notification that the city had vacated the engine house of Hose Co. No. 1, situated on the court house block, which building was the property of the school district, and asking that the building be removed as soon as possible. This communication was received by the clerk, since the last meeting, and as the building committee had already taken action the communication was placed on file.

A communication was received from the teachers of the schools, asking for an increase in salaries. The communication was laid on the table, but may be taken up at a later date.

The clerk was instructed to subscribe for the school board Journal, for the use of the board.

The judiciary committee reported recommending the appointment of a city board of examiners, to issue certificates to teachers of the 1st and 2nd grades. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Gearhart was appointed on the board, and Mrs. Warren, as county superintendent and Prof. A. L. Clark as city superintendent, are ex-officio members, the trio composing the board.

The building committee reported that the old engine house on the court house block, had been sold by them to John Harry for \$10, and it was being torn down.

The finance committee recommended that a loan of \$3500 be negotiated, the same to be for 30 days. This action was taken to provide for the payment of the teachers' salaries coming due, and to provide funds to carry the schools over until taxes are received. The recommendation was adopted.

This committee also reported that the books of the clerk had been examined and found to be correct and all property accounted for. The accounts examined were from December 1, 1906, to November 30, 1907.

The superintendent reported recommending the appointment of Miss Nellie Williams, of North Yakima, Wash., as a teacher in the fourth grade at Adair school and the recommendation was acted favorably upon.

The action of Director Welch, in securing the services of W. F. Jones, as janitor during the absence of John Riley was approved.

The matter of securing a hall in which to hold the graduating exercises of the grammar schools, on next Friday, and for the high school exercises in June was referred to Director Welch as a committee of one to secure same.

The clerk was instructed to ascertain information as to diplomas for the high school graduates.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Astoria National Bank, \$875; Astoria Water Commission, \$39.50; A. L. Clark, \$150; J. S. Dellinger Co., \$6; E. A. Higgins Co., \$1.75; Fisher Bros. Co., \$2.27; Astoria Electric Co., \$11.50; Robinson Furniture Co., \$1.50; John Svenson, \$2.25; G. W. Sanborn, \$24.50; T. H. Frederickson, \$3.50; Chas. Heilborn & Co., \$12.50; Chas. Heilborn, \$5; Geo. P. Clark, \$50; janitors' salaries, \$243.19; teachers' salaries, \$2280.50.

The clerk was instructed to ascertain the cost of real slate for blackboards.

The meeting then adjourned.

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#### JAPS RAISE TARIFF.

TOKIO, Feb. 4.—After a heated debate lasting five hours on increase in the taxation bills on sugar, sake, alcohol, beer and kerosene, was passed today in the diet. The government had a majority of 94 in every case except in that of kerosene on which the majority vote was 24. Masahisa Matsuda, acting minister of finance, stated that the increase in taxation was absolutely necessary. In the present financial condition of Japan, he believes that the whole people would be willing to pay it.

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